



**EMBASSY OF THE
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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--September 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The major story of the month was an unsuccessful coup in Togo on the night of 23 September. The bureau first became aware of the situation when AFP broke the story at 0700 gmt on the 24th. We were able to immediately file a report from the original source, Lome Domestic Service, which stated that an armed terrorist group had infiltrated Lome from Ghana. Togo subsequently blamed Ghana and Burkina Faso for allowing the coup plotters to operate in their territory and and both France and Zaire sent troops to Togo in a show of support. Many leaders, including President Reagan, sent missions or messages of support for Togo.

2. Libya's Al-Qadhdhafi incurred the wrath of Ivory Coast, Cameroon and Zaire by accusing these countries, during the Nonaligned Summit meeting, of being "traitors" for restoring ties with Israel. The three countries issued a joint communique condemning Al-Qadhdhafi for his "malicious, discourteous, and indecent remarks." This was followed on 6 September by an Ivorian Foreign Ministry "rejoinder" to Colonel Al-Qadhdhafi. The Ivorian Foreign Ministry also expressed keen interest in the Karachi airplane hijacking as did the U.S. Embassy Charge. The bureau kept both well informed via the phone and special deliveries of related items.

3. Coup rumors in Liberia while President Doe was out of the country at the Nonaligned Summit proved false, but dissident activity and economic problems are forcing the bureau to closely watch the Liberian situation. After a prolonged period in which we could not hear Monrovia Domestic, the bureau has now been able to return the Monrovia 2100GMT cast to coverage and cruising efforts are promising for adding other casts.

4. Junior monitor [] has instituted a translation guidance and feedback program for the monitors designed to im-

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prove translation quality control by offering suggestions for translating various French expressions into idiomatic American English. [] efforts, motivated by her strong French language ability and interest, supplement the efforts of the chief monitor.

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B. Communications

Frequent and prolonged outages were common again this month as TCU continued trouble shooting efforts on the Skymux equipment. The bureau chief, deputy chief, and engineer met with a visiting regional engineer from Nairobi who had just been made aware of the seriousness of the problem and gave assurances that technical help will be brought in to resolve it. Commo has been good for the last week after extensive trouble shooting but it is still unclear whether this represents a permanent solution.

C. Lateral Services

At the request of DCM Vincent Farley, the bureau began to supply tapes recorded from radios in our coverage area which Farley will forward to FSI to be used for language training purposes. Farley has requested "a couple of tapes every few months."

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Interviewing and testing has been completed for a full-time monitor position, a part-time monitor/translator position, and a teletypist position. Three candidates with excellent qualifications have been selected, two of whom are awaiting provisional security and medical clearances. The third, the full-time monitor applicant, [] is schedule to EOD on 12 October. He will fill the vacancy which will be created with [] retirement in December.

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2. Monitor [] returned to duty 29 September from the Foreign National Orientation Program in Headquarters followed by annual leave.

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3. Teletypist [] submitted her resignation effective 8 September.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

1. A window has been installed in the wall between the

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editorial desk and the teletype section to facilitate the handling of copy and improve overall efficiency. Copy can now be passed between the two sections where previously the editor and teletypist had to hand-carry the copy back and forth. The bureau engineer has also installed a bell at the editorial desk to alert the Commo Unit to the presence of high precedence copy.

2. Painting of the bureau exterior and fence was completed during the month. The bureau's distinctive blue gate is now green.

III. VISITS

1. New U.S. Ambassador Dennis Kux visited the bureau on 1 October following his arrival in Abidjan on 27 September.

2. Chief/Ops [] visited the bureau 1-4 October on a management inspection tour.

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3. The 12-member FBO chancery site selection team visited the bureau on 22 September. The team inspected five sites around the city. An area near the Hotel Ivoire in the Cocody Section of Abidjan remains the primary site. The team leaders very tentatively offered 1992 as the completion date for the new chancery. Members of the team are scheduled to return in about 6 months for the next phase of the process.

IV. POST ACTIVITIES

1. Financial/Administrative Assistant [] has been appointed to the Embassy's Dependent Hiring Committee.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for September 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

| | |
|---|----------------|
| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 5473 164190 |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 11410 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 526 |

| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
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| II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week) | 7967.00 min. | 23700.00 min. | 113.00 issues |

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BENIN

1 -
Cotonou Domestic Service in
French
Parakou Domestic Service in
French
Cotonou EHUZU in
French

4140

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BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in
French
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in
French
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in
French

6790

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CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in
English
Yaounde Domestic Service in
French
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in
English
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in
French

570

600

CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in
Portuguese

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in
French

480

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CHAD
Ndjamena Domestic Service in
French

6190

CLANDESTINE
(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio
in
French

370

CONGO
Brazzaville Domestic Service in
French
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in
French
Brazzaville ETUMBA in
French
*Brazzaville MWETI in
French

0

EQUATORIAL GUINEA
Malabo Domestic Service in
Spanish

620

FRANCE
Paris AFP in
English
Paris AFP in
French
Paris Diplomatic Information
Service in
French
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in
French

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7650

23070

270

2360

GABON
Libreville Africa No. 1 in
French
Libreville Domestic Service in
French
Libreville L'UNION in
French

3960

810

GHANA
Accra Domestic Service in
English

24080

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|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English | | | 0 |
| Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English | | | 0 |
| Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English | | | 0 |
| Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English | | | 0 |
| GUINEA Conakry Domestic Service in French | 4440 | | 0 |
| Conakry MOROYA in French | | | 0 |
| GUINEA-BISSAU Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese | | | 0 |
| IVORY COAST Abidjan Domestic Service in French | 1020 | | 0 |
| Abidjan Television Service in French | 0 | | 0 |
| Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French | | | 0 |
| Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French | | | 4370 |
| Abidjan INFORMATION in French | 1 | | 0 |
| Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French | | | 0 |
| LIBERIA Monrovia Domestic Service in English | 4240 | | 0 |
| Monrovia Radio ELWA in English | 5880 | | 0 |
| Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English | | | 0 |
| MALI Bamako Domestic Service in French | 5470 | | 0 |
| Bamako L'ESSOR in French | | | 0 |

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| MAURITANIA | | | |
| Nouakchott Domestic Service in French | 1380 | | 0 |
| Nouakchott CHAAB in French | | | |
| NIGER | | | |
| Niamey Domestic Service in French | 2040 | | 0 |
| Niamey LE SAHEL in French | | | 0 |
| Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French | | | |
| NIGERIA | | | |
| Lagos International Service in English | 0 | | |
| Lagos Domestic Service in English | 13060 | | |
| Kaduna Domestic Service in English | 170 | | |
| Lagos NAN in English | | 2960 | |
| Lagos DAILY TIMES in English | | | 0 |
| Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English | | | 0 |
| SENEGAL | | | |
| Dakar Domestic Service in French | 2580 | | |
| DAKAR PANA in english | | 4740 | |
| Dakar PANA in French | | 4590 | |
| Dakar LE SOLEIL in French | | | |
| SIERRA LEONE | | | |
| Freetown Domestic Service in English | 760 | | |
| Freetown DAILY MAIL in English | | | 980 |
| THE GAMBIA | | | |
| Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in | | | |

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TOGO
Lome International Service in
French

60

Lome Domestic Service in
French

18020

Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in
French

ZAIRE

Kinshasa Domestic Service in
French

2310

Kinshasa AZAP in
French

3160

Kinshasa ELIMA in
French